

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Equitable Production Company

DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL  
DOCKET NO. VGOB 89-0126-0009-47

**RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION OF NORA COALBED GAS UNIT NOS.:**

**BK-34** (VC-504484), **BK-35** (PC-551010), **BK-36** (VC-3166), **BL-34** (PC-436),  
**BL-35** (VC-504366), **BL-36** (PC-9) **BN-39** (VC-3704), **BN-40** (PC-12), **BN-41** (VC-3705)  
**BO-39** (PC-13), **BO-40** (VC-3706), **BO-41** (VC-3707).

**AFFECTED UNITS:** (See Attached Exhibit A)

**APPLICATION**

**1. Applicant and its counsel:** Applicant is **Equitable Production Company** 1710 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia, 25302, (800) 926-1759. Applicant's Counsel is James E. Kaiser 220 Broad Street, Suite 210, Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 578-3838.

**2. Relief sought:** (1) Modification of the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Rules, to allow one additional coalbed gas well to be drilled within each of the 58.77 acre Nora Units identified above. (2) For an administrative order providing that additional well permits may be issued in the Nora Field after this application is filed and while it is pending.

**3. Legal authority:** 4 VAC 25-160-50 and § 45.1-361.20 of the Code of Virginia.

**4. Proposed provisions of order sought:** That one additional coalbed methane gas well may be drilled in each of the above referenced Nora Units; that the second well be located at least 600 feet from the nearest coalbed methane well; (and that production/royalties from each coalbed methane well drilled in the said Units shall continue to be allocated solely to the owners and claimants of and to the coalbed methane within the Unit in which the well is located.)

**5. Type of wells and field:** Coalbed methane frac wells within the portion of the Nora Coalbed Gas Field described above, and as depicted in the attached Exhibit A.

**6. Formations subject to application:** All coal beds and coal seams including all Pennsylvania aged coals from the top of the Raven, but not limited to Jawbone, Greasy Creek, C-Seam, War Creek, Beckley, Lower Horsepen, X-Seam, Poca 6, Poca 5, Poca 3, Poca 2, and any unnamed coal seams and other associated formations known as the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.

**7. Description of interest/claim of persons being notified:** Coalbed methane.

**8. Estimated ultimate recovery in each Nora Unit identified above:** 240 MMCF

**9. Plat:** See Exhibit A annexed hereto.

10. **The boundaries and acreage affected:** see Exhibit A annexed hereto.

11. **Attestation:** The foregoing application to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true and correct.

**Equitable Production Company**

By: 

James E. Kaiser  
220 Broad Street, Suite 210  
Kingsport, TN 37660  
(423) 578-3838

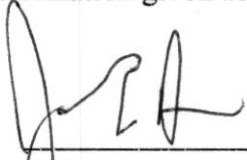
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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF DICKENSON**

I, James E. Kaiser, after being duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am responsible for the notification process required by VA. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2 § 4.
2. That Equitable Production Company has exercised due diligence in attempting to locate and notice all owners and claimants who are unleased and/or who were not previously pooled by prior order(s) of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board regarding **the Nora Coalbed Gas Field**, all as required by Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2.
3. That on **March 20, 2009** a true and correct copy of the Notice of Hearing with Exhibits will be mailed, via certified mail return receipt requested, to all owners and claimants listed in Exhibit B for whom mailing addresses were then available.
4. That Equitable Production Company will continue to exercise due diligence in attempting to locate and identify the names and/or addresses of any unknown of unlocatable parties and, if located or identified, will notify them of Equitable Production Company's application.

I have read the foregoing, and the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

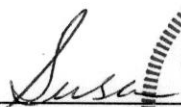
  
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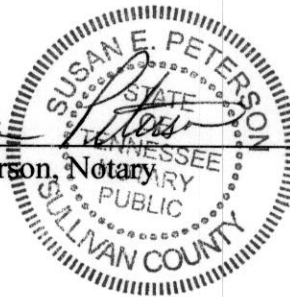
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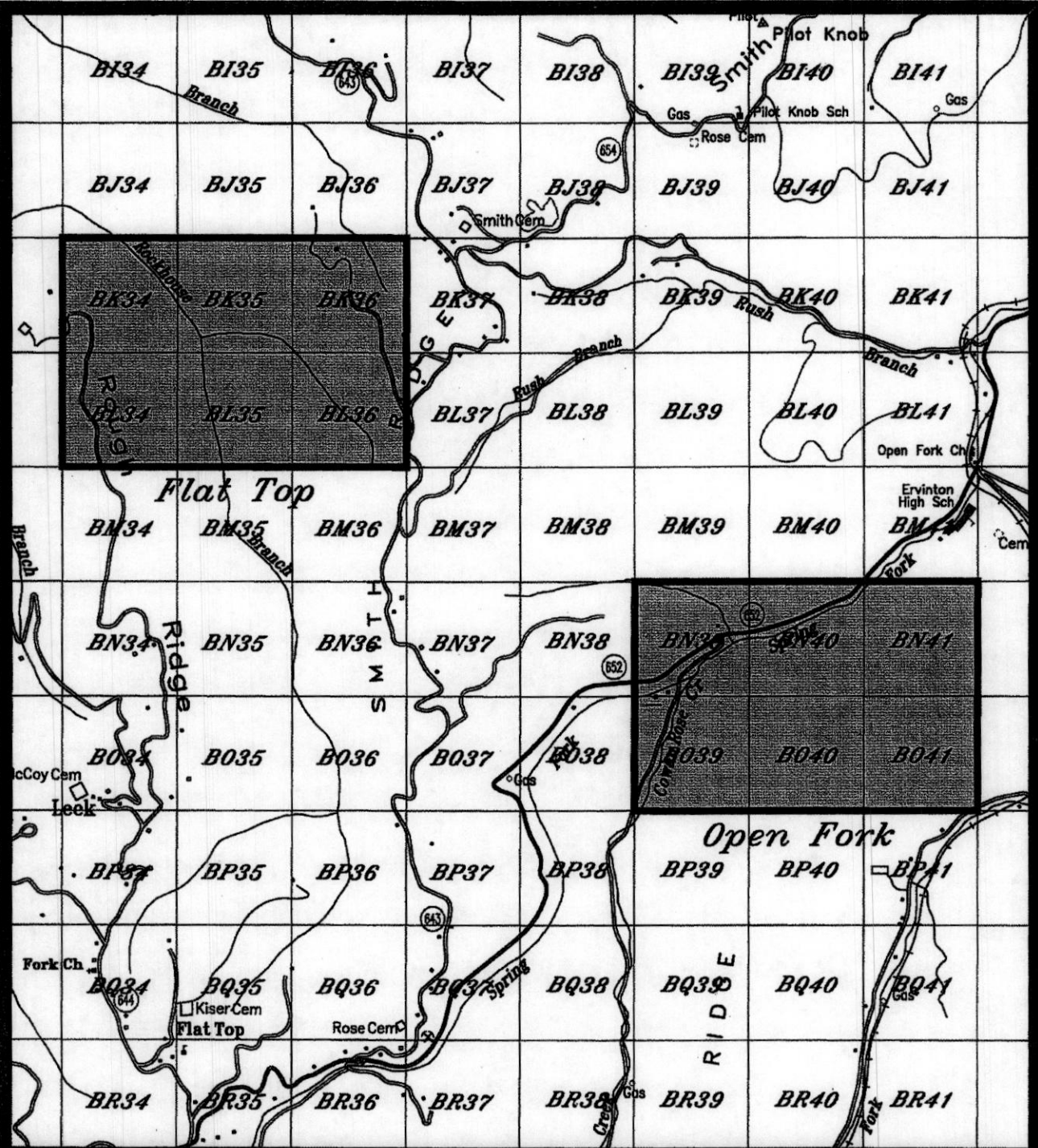
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TAKEN, SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 2009.

  
Susan Peterson, Notary



My commission expires: October 24, 2012.



# **EXHIBIT A**

## **Open Fork and Flat Top**

### **INCREASED DENSITY DRILLING, NORA FIELD**

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

Date: February 16, 2009



**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**Increased Density**  
**Flat Top**

Welford Dotson, Single  
Thurston Dotson  
3845 Kitt Drive  
Helena, MT 59602-7323

Evans Dotson  
22809 E. Country Vista Dr., Apt. 127  
Liberty Lake, WA 99019-7546

Hassel L. Dotson  
P.O. Box 728  
Osburn, ID 83849-0728

Linda Jean Hilton  
P.O. Box 1652  
Clintwood, VA 24228-1652

L. June Stanley  
P.O. Box 253  
Clintwood, VA 24228-1652

Betty J. Dotson  
P.O. Box 818  
Clintwood, VA 24228-0818

Patricia Marshall  
P.O. Box 661  
St. Paul, VA 24283-0061

Angela K. Riley  
P.O. Box 1165  
Columbus, MT 59019-1165

Vanessa M. Burt  
220 Pinetree Drive  
Pinehurst, ID 83850-9762

Donald & Carolyn Hilton  
404 Punch Run Road  
Front Royal, VA 24630

Larry & Glenda Jo Houston  
1591 Muddy Creek Road, NO. 16  
Blountville, TN 37617

Mary Lou & William Younce  
P.O. Box 2341  
Coeburn, VA 24230

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
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Selma Adkins, Widow  
3800 Eastline Drive, Apt. 9  
Kingsport, TN 37664

Ralph Adkins by Linda Hill  
343 Piercy Street  
Blountville, TN 37617

Linda Hill  
343 Piercy Street  
Blountville, TN 37617

Frank & Barbara Adkins  
770 May Avenue, SW  
Coeburn, VA 24230

Doris Perrine, Widow  
317 Senca Trl. 1  
Roceverte, WV 24970

Helen Fleming, Single  
14600 Pan Am Avenue  
Chantilly, VA 20151

Barbara & Ralph Younce  
156 A. Elm Avenue  
Coeburn, VA 24230

Martha Virginia Rose, sole & Individual  
8812 Fox River Road  
Knoxville, TN 37923

Curtis & Mable Bise  
4218 Hwy 1445  
Gun Rose, TX 76043

Paul & Bonnie Adkins  
1269 Hartwood Road  
Hartwood, VA 24406

Glenda Mullins, Single  
63 Hillandale Drive  
Staunton, VA 24401-6540

Eva Mae Adkins  
P.O. Box 1966  
Coeburn, VA 24230

Imogene R. Adkins, Widow  
P.O. Box 16085  
Bristol, VA 24209

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**Flat Top**

Dudley & Gladys Charles Redden  
Rt. 2, Box 642  
Pounding Mill, VA 24637

Gary & Patricia Nash  
148 Jaybird Court  
Bristol, TN 37620

William Nash  
415 Shelby Lane  
Bristol, TN 37620

Judy Barger  
Unknown/unlocatable

John & Margaret Greever  
P.O. Box 413  
Orcas, WA 98280-0413

Hulah L. Bentley, Single  
13840 N Desert Harbor Drive, Apt. 13  
Peoria, AZ 86381-3501

Columbus Phipps Foundation  
Carol P. Buchanan, Trustee  
P.O. Box 1006  
Wise, VA 24293

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P.O. Box 1006  
Wise, VA 24293

Columbus Phipps Foundation  
Kenneth G. Childress, Trustee  
Westend Street  
Clintwood, VA 24228

Jean Lui Phipps, Single  
P.O. Box 1006  
Wise, VA 24293

Charles Gose Dotson  
P.O. Box 691  
Castlewood, VA 24224

Standard Banner Coal Corporation  
29059 Rivermont Drive  
Meadowview, VA 24361



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NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS &  
ENERGY, DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL  
Docket Number VGOB-89-0126-0009-47

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To: All persons, their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, assigns and successors, owning an interest in the gas, oil, coal or minerals underlying the Well Numbers: **BK-34** (VC-504484), **BK-35** (PC-551010), **BK-36** (VC-3166), **BL-34** (PC-436), **BL-35** (VC-504366), **BL-36** (PC-9) **BN-39** (VC-3704), **BN-40** (PC-12), **BN-41** (VC-3705) **BO-39** (PC-13), **BO-40** (VC-3706), **BO-41** (VC-3707) and adjacent tracts situated on a spur on Smith Ridge, 840 feet Southwest of Bear Branch, 1780 feet Northeast of Rockhouse Branch, 2230 feet Northwest of Virginia Route 643, 2050 feet Southwest of the intersection of Virginia Routes 643 and 654, and 2.1 miles Northeast of Flat Top in the Kenady District, in Dickenson County, Virginia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Equitable Production Company, 1710 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia, 25302, is requesting that the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereinafter "Board") issue an order pooling all the rights, interests, and estates pursuant to Virginia Code Ann. § 45.1-361.1 et seq. in regard to the drilling, development and production of oil, gas and coalbed methane from drilling Units: **BK-34** (VC-504484), **BK-35** (PC-551010), **BK-36** (VC-3166), **BL-34** (PC-436), **BL-35** (VC-504366), **BL-36** (PC-9) **BN-39** (VC-3704), **BN-40** (PC-12), **BN-41** (VC-3705) **BO-39** (PC-13), **BO-40** (VC-3706), **BO-41** (VC-3707), containing approximately 58.77 acres, located on the above-referenced tracts.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause has been set for hearing and the taking of evidence before the Board at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

All interested persons may attend this hearing, with or without an attorney, and offer evidence or state any comments you have. For further information, contact the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, State Gas and Oil Inspector, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Gas and Oil, P.O. Box 1416, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210, (276) 676-5423 or the Applicant at the address shown above.



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**HEARING DATE: April 21, 2009**  
**PLACE: Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center**  
**Campus of Virginia Highlands Community College**  
**Abingdon, Virginia**  
**TIME: 9:00 a.m.**

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:**

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